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Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents cited in connection with a prior application of the above-identified application, Application No. 10/083,545, filed February 27, 2002.

Since Application No. 10/083,545 is being relied upon under 35 USC § 120 in the above-identified application, copies of the listed documents are not enclosed. See 37 CFR § 1.98(d).

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified Continuation application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR §1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR § 1.97 and § 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with

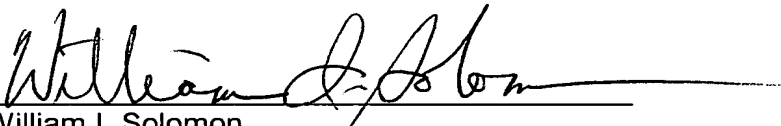
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each of the documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

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